



HIDING THE ALLELUIAS

Origami - Masu Boxes for Lent

Many things change in the season of Lent. You may notice that the colors in the church change to purple. Purple is a serious color, it is a solemn color. It is a color of kings and queens. At Easter, we remember a king, but a different kind of king than the people were used to.

During Lent, we set aside time to remember the times we have done things that hurt others or ourselves, and we promise not to do them any more. That's why, during Lent, we don't say the word "Alleluia." Not even during the Holy Eucharist! One way to help prepare us for the changes in Lent is to put away our Alleluias.

Cut the plain paper away from the colorful paper and then color in the "Alleluia" on the other side. Follow the directions for how to fold the paper into a box. Repeat it with the other paper, and then you can put your boxes together. You can use your box however you like, maybe to set aside some money you can give away during Lent. When Easter finally comes, you can turn the box inside out and celebrate!

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Step 01	Crease and Return			
Step 02	Fold tops to centre, this is called a blinz fold after a Jewish pastry			
Step 03	Fold sides to centre and return			
Step 04	Open two corners			
Step 05	Fold sides to centre			
Step 06	Fold flap to centre			
Step 07	Fold flap to centre			
Step 08	raise end			
Step 09	Fold flap to centre			
Step 10	Complete			